

Animal *Health* Trust

# Animal Health Trust: Consent for investigation and treatment

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**Case No:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Species:**  Dog  Cat  Other **Breed:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Age:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Sex:**  Male  Female  Neutered  Entire  
**Owner's/Agent's\* Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ (\* Delete as appropriate)  
**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

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|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sedation / General anaesthesia           | <input type="checkbox"/> Imaging:   | CT / MRI / Ultrasound / X-ray   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Blood pressure testing                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Tissue sampling:                                   | Fine needle aspirate / Tru-cut /<br>Endoscopic Biopsy / Surgical Biopsy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Blood test/s                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Surgery:   | _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitalisation                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Endoscopy:   | Gastrointestinal / Rhino (nasal) / Broncho (windpipe)                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Skin test (allergy)                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Urine sampling direct from bladder (cystocentesis) |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Spinal tap / spinal fluid analysis (CSF) | <input type="checkbox"/> BAER hearing test                                  |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Epidural / loco-regional anaesthesia     | <input type="checkbox"/> Ear flush  |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Electrodiagnostic testing                | <input type="checkbox"/> Cheek swab   |   |
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Further details:** \_\_\_\_\_

• I agree to entrust to the small animal clinic of the Animal Health Trust (AHT) the animal described above for examination, investigation and treatment on the understanding and condition that all reasonable care and attention will be given to this animal.

*Please delete any of the following that **do not** apply:*

- I hereby give full permission for the animal described above to undergo the investigations and/or procedures detailed on this form, together with any unforeseen procedures that might prove necessary during the course of these investigations. The nature of these procedures, and of other such procedures as may prove necessary, has been explained to me and I understand that all procedures may involve some risk to the animal. I understand that sometimes there are unexpected findings, which may have been impossible to anticipate and discuss with me in advance.
- I hereby give my permission for the administration of an anaesthetic, sedative, or pain relief medication (or combination of these) to the above animal. I understand that all anaesthetic techniques involve some risk to the animal.
- I understand that certain drugs may be administered to my animal that are not specifically licensed in this species. I understand that only drugs with assumed efficacy will be used, and that drug use will comply with existing UK law (Veterinary Medicines Regulations). Possible side effects and precautions relating to specific drugs have been discussed with me, but I understand that any drug use involves some risk to the animal, and in accepting their use I accept any attendant risk.
- I understand that the AHT is actively involved in investigating animal diseases. I accept that where samples are collected for diagnostic purposes (e.g. tissue biopsies, blood samples, urine samples, genetic material etc.), any excess sample not required for immediate testing may be kept by the Animal Health Trust for future use in disease investigation. I also accept that as part of the investigation and/or treatment of my animal, details of my animal and its response to treatment(s) may be used as part of the Trust's ongoing studies of animal disease (e.g. to compare results of different treatment or management regimes).
- I understand that images (e.g. radiographs, ultrasound images, digital pictures etc.) may be obtained of my animal and kept by the AHT as part of the clinical record (and remain the property of the Trust). I hereby give permission for these (along with the clinical record) to be used for publication and/or educational purposes.
- I hereby give permission for the AHT to contact my insurance company if applicable, and, where available, access my policy details through my insurance company's online system. I authorise this for the current condition/s and any associated revisits.
- I accept the likely cost as detailed in the estimate below, and that in the event of further treatment being required or of complications arising that will give rise to additional costs, I shall be contacted as soon as is practicable so that my consent to such additional costs may be obtained.

**ESTIMATED TOTAL COST INCLUDING CURRENT CONSULTATION: £ \_\_\_\_\_ plus VAT**

N.B. All fees are subject to VAT. This is an estimate; the actual cost of investigation or treatment may be greater.

**COMMENTS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of owner/agent:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

# TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF BUSINESS

## PART 1: GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS WHICH APPLY TO ALL CONTRACTS

### 1.1 Services to be performed and charges

- 1.1.1 Subject to these terms and conditions, the Animal Health Trust ("the Trust") shall perform such services and carry out such works ("Services") as are expressly agreed between the Trust and the Client (which expression shall mean and include the owner of an animal, the owner's veterinary surgeon or other agent, together and singly where the context requires, or any other person with whom the Trust agrees to provide Services as the case may be).

### 1.2 Payment

- 1.2.1 Itemised invoices will normally be produced and rendered by the Trust to the Client. Invoices presented to the Client in person immediately on completion of a Service shall be paid in full by the Client on presentation. Other invoices shall be paid in full by the Client within 30 days of receipt of the invoice.
- 1.2.2 Interest may be charged on any amount remaining unpaid 30 days after the payment date. Interest will run at two per cent above the base rate of Lloyds Bank PLC from time to time.

### 1.3 Rights to sub-contract and employ agents

The Trust may employ any person, company or firm as its agent or sub-contractor to perform all or any of its obligations or duties under this agreement.

### 1.4 Acceptance and limitation of liability

- 1.4.1 The Trust will accept liability for death or physical injury to persons caused, whether directly or indirectly, by the negligence of the Trust, but the Trust shall be under no such liability resulting from any cause other than the Trust's negligence as aforesaid.
- 1.4.2 Save as expressly provide in paragraph 1.4.1 above:
- 1.4.2.1 the Trust shall be under no liability in contract tort or otherwise in respect of any loss of profit business or prize money indirect or consequential loss or damage of any nature whether or not such loss or damage be caused by the negligence of the Trust.
- 1.4.2.2 subject as aforesaid the liability of the Trust for loss or damage whether in contract tort or otherwise shall in no circumstances whatsoever exceed an amount equal to the charges payable to the Trust in respect of the treatment, examination, test(s) or goods in respect of which claim is made against the Trust or the sum of £2,500, whichever is the greater.
- 1.4.2.3 no claim shall be made against any employees or agents of the Trust. For the purpose of this paragraph
- 1.4.2.3 only the Trust contracts as the agent of its employees and agents.

### 1.5 Force majeure

- 1.5.1 Neither the Trust, nor any of its employees or agents, shall be under any liability whatsoever to the Client for non-performance, part- performance, defective performance or delay in the performance of any of the services supplied or to be supplied by the Trust hereunder, directly or indirectly caused by events beyond the control of the Trust.
- 1.5.2 Such events will include, without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, industrial action, whether at the Trust or not.
- 1.5.3 If extra work or waiting time is caused, or extra expenses are incurred by reason of any event of force majeure, such extra work or waiting time will be charged to and paid by the Client at the applicable rates and such extra expenses reimbursed to the Trust by the Client.
- 1.5.4 If the method or mode of performance contemplated or anticipated by the Trust is affected by force majeure, the Trust shall be under no obligation to perform by any other method or mode but may consult with the Client and review alternative methods of performance, all the additional expense being payable by the Client.

### 1.6 Exclusion of other terms

These terms and conditions shall prevail notwithstanding any printed or other terms and conditions contained in any order, acceptance of estimate, confirmation of contract or otherwise brought to the Trust's notice.

## PART 2: ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS WHICH APPLY TO THE ADMISSION OF ANIMALS TO THE TRUST'S PREMISES

### 2.1 General

- 2.1.1 Animals will be accepted for treatment only at the request of, or with the agreement of, the owner's veterinary surgeon.
- 2.1.2 The Trust is not responsible for the conveyance of animals to and from its premises.